

## ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

DATE: January 29, 2008

CALLED TO ORDER: 5:35 p.m.

ADJOURNED: 5:45 p.m.

### ATTENDANCE

#### Attending Members

Marilyn Pfisterer, Chair  
Paul Bateman  
Barbara Malone  
Jackie Nytes  
Joanne Sanders  
Ryan Vaughn

#### Absent Members

Susie Day

### AGENDA

PROPOSAL NO. 12, 2008 - appoints Jennifer Ruby to the Information Technology Board  
"Postponed" until February 12, 2008 Vote 6-0

PROPOSAL NO. 13, 2008 - appoints Susan Swayze to the Audit Committee  
"Postponed" until February 12, 2008 Vote 6-0

Presentation on personal background and available fiscal information – David Reynolds, City  
Controller

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The Administration and Finance Committee of the City-County Council met on Tuesday, January 29, 2008. Chair Marilyn Pfisterer called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m. with the following members present: Paul Bateman, Barbara Malone, Jackie Nytes, Joanne Sanders, and Ryan Vaughn. Absent was Susie Day.

Chair Pfisterer stated that she would like to promote involving the public in as much of the Council business as possible by inviting them to attend the Administration and Finance Committee meetings, as information about how tax dollars are being spent is given at these meetings. She encouraged the public to get involved and to forward any concerns to her if they cannot attend the meetings.

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Chair Pfisterer said that neither Ms. Ruby nor Ms. Swayze could attend tonight's meeting, and she would entertain a motion to postpone both appointments.

Councillor Sanders moved, seconded by Councillor Bateman, to "Postpone" Proposal Nos. 12 and 13, 2008 until February 12, 2008. The motion carried by a vote of 6-0.

Presentation on personal background and available fiscal information – David Reynolds, City Controller

David Reynolds, City Controller, said that he has been the Controller for approximately three weeks and welcomes the opportunity to introduce himself to the Committee and speak about the direction that the Office of Finance and Management would like to take. He said that he is a native of Fort Wayne, Indiana, but moved to Indianapolis approximately 16 years ago to work for the state where he served in various functions, all in the fiscal area. Mr. Reynolds said that he most notably and recently served as the Deputy Budget Director for the State Budget Agency, which is a very similar job to that of City Controller. He said that he served in this capacity for about six years, originally being appointed by Governor O'Bannon, and later re-appointed by both Governor Kernan and Governor Daniels. Mr. Reynolds said that prior to that, he served five years as a Fiscal Analyst for the State House of Representative's Ways and Means Committee, and approximately four years as a Fiscal Analyst for the State Budget Agency. Mr. Reynolds said that he believes that his fiscal experience in the government arena will serve him well in the capacity as City Controller, as it will afford him the ability to understand the details and help him work with the Council to develop a budget that is balanced and able to cover operational costs. He said that he does not have much to report with respect to the direction of the department and where the current finances are, as he has spent the first couple of weeks trying to obtain an understanding of the process. He said that he has a good staff in the Controller's Office, and they have been helping him to gain that understanding. Mr. Reynolds said that his future plans include working with the agencies to set up some "spending plans" to ensure that each agency is operating within their budget. He would then create more transparency in the process, make these plans more available to the public, and use them to monitor

the budget on an ongoing basis, so that each agency can be held accountable for spending within the constraints of their own budget.

Chair Pfisterer asked Mr. Reynolds if he would like to introduce his staff in attendance. Mr. Reynolds answered in the affirmative, and stated that he currently has a staff of two in the budget section which consists of Jeff Seidenstein and James Johnson.

Councillor Nytes complimented Mr. Reynolds, as he has been well-recommended by Councillor Angela Mansfield. She asked if there have been any discussions as to when the Audit Committee will meet. Mr. Reynolds answered that he has not been privy to that information, but will look into it and provide the answer to the Committee at a later date. Councillor Nytes said that she would appreciate the information, as those Councillors that have been involved in the Audit Committee in the past would like to obtain some sense of what the Audit plans will be for this year, and she believes that they were at a point of possibly wanting to look at a new firm.

Councillor Nytes asked if there is any sense of when a report of closing out last year will be available, as she is concerned about a cash collection. Mr. Reynolds answered that they are working on that and will have an idea of where 2007 finished in the very near future, possibly mid-February. Councillor Nytes said that many agencies made some huge efforts to try to get the City through a pretty difficult year last year, and the Committee is fairly anxious to see whether the efforts were able to meet the anticipated goals.

Mr. Reynolds introduced the new Bond Bank Director, Kevin Taylor, to the Committee. Chair Pfisterer asked Mr. Taylor if he would like to speak to the Committee. Mr. Taylor stated that he is honored to be working at the Bond Bank, and with Mr. Reynolds and his staff for the good of the City. Chair Pfisterer said that she is sure that the Committee will be working with Mr. Taylor in the future and will have a warm relationship. She said that one of the things that she and Mr. Reynolds discussed was the closing out of last year, as well as ongoing budget reports so that the Committee will be aware of the City's standing on a monthly basis.

Councillor Sanders asked if potential appointees will continue to be interviewed in the Committee meetings. Chair Pfisterer answered in the affirmative.

With no further business pending, and upon motion duly made, the Administration and Finance Committee of the City-County Council was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Pfisterer, Chair  
Administration and Finance Committee